

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 September 1957		2. LOCATION Southern Italy		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/1800Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE East	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object about the size of planet Mars and same color as Mars at its brightest. No exhaust or sound.			11. COMMENTS Rather limited data, but a light moving across the sky is very probably an a/c.		

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AREA REPORT CONCERNS Italy		DATE OF REPORT 14 Oct 57	
AGENCY OF ORIGIN OAIrA, Rome, Italy		DATE OF INFORMATION 16 Sep 57	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION See report, paragraph 6		EVALUATION B-2	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) BAIR 460; AFR 200-2			
SUBJECT Report of UFOB - 16 Sep 57 - Italy, 40°45'N, 16°12'E			
SUMMARY (Under concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.) Report forwards information on an unidentified flying object observed by a U.S. citizen while on vacation in Southern Italy. Details of the sighting are listed in accordance with the format set forth in AFR 200-2 and BAIR subject 460T.			

Ind. a/c

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ATTC Conclusions: Probably
a high altitude ~~jet~~ a/c. This is
similar to many reports for ZI of
tiny lights moving slowly in
a straight line for a number of
minutes — which have found to be
aircraft at high altitudes — and
generally confirmed by checks with
radar and flt. ops units in the
area.

Difficult to follow-up on unidentified
foreign sightings unless the local
base C.O., ambulators, or others
do so. Data rather limited.

Comment: What from the source,
reports. There appears nothing hostile.

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menacing, threatening, imminent or
by warning about a light moving slowly across
the sky

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1. On 16 September 1957, source stated he and his wife observed an unidentified flying object (UFOB) while traveling in Southern Italy. The following information concerning the observation is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2 and BAIR 4607 for evaluation:

- Shape - circular.
- Size - about the size of the planet Mars. *←*
- Color - same as Mars, at its brightest.
- Number of objects - one.
- Formation - N/A.
- Features or details - the UFOB reminded source of a V-1 in flight.
- Tail, trail or exhaust - none (just a light) *←* *blue*
- Sound - none.

2. Description of course of object:

a. Source and wife were driving in Southern Italy, from Potenza to Altamura, on Route No. 96 in a convertible. Source's wife first noticed the UFOB and called it to the attention of her husband. They stopped the car to observe the UFOB.

b. At the time of the sighting the automobile was pointed in a northeast direction and the UFOB crossed at an angle to them, in a west to east direction.

c. Same.

d. UFOB did not maneuver but maintained a straight course at apparently the same altitude.

e. Manner of disappearance - after approximately five minutes, source resumed driving and UFOB was lost from view behind mountains in the area.

f. Length of time in sight - five minutes.

3. Manner of observation:

- Ground visual.
- No optical aids.
- N/A.

4. Date and time of sighting:

- Date-time group: 161800Z September 1957.
- Light conditions - night.

5. Location of observers: Approximately 40°45'N, 16°12'E, on highway No. 96.

6. Information on observers:

- Mr. [REDACTED] (US Citizen)

Rome, Italy

Age - 36

Occupation - Political Attache, American Embassy.

- Mrs. [REDACTED]
(same address as above)

① [Not balloon, or meteor!]

② [Movement from W to E - five minutes - Not astro; star or planet]

Note: Long time duration

Important Clue

Time

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7. Weather and winds aloft:

a. Observer stated weather was clear and slightly windy, with good visibility.

b. Report from Detachment 6, 29th Weather Squadron, Rome/Ciampino Airport, on weather conditions in the Brindisi area:

	Direction	Winds up	Velocity
(1) Surface	310°		20 knots
(2) 6,000'	300°	W-NW.	30 knots
(3) 10,000'	290°		30 knots
(4) 16,000'	290°		45 knots
(5) 20,000'	300°		55 knots
(6) 30,000'	300°		60 knots
(7) 40,000'	290°		75 knots
(8) 50,000'	290°		90 knots
(9) 80,000'	unknown		

c. Ceiling - none.

d. Visibility - 12 kilometers.

e. Cloud cover - none ✓

f. Thunderstorms in area - none.

8. None.

9. None.

10. Unknown.

11. See comments.

12. No photographs.

13. COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICER:

a. Mr. [REDACTED] who is an ex-infantry Captain, did not notice the UFOB until his wife called it to his attention. [REDACTED] readily admits that his eyesight is not too good, but states his wife has very good eyes (possibly 20-15).

b. This report will be of interest to AFICIN-4.

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